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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB Case No. 99-031)**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

Schuster et al.

Serial No. 09/303,514

Filed: May 3, 1999

Title ARCHITECTURE FOR A
CENTRAL OFFICE
USING IP TECHNOLOGY

Examiner: Patel, Ajit

Group Art Unit: 2664

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 29, 2003, please consider the below remarks.